

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7, 10 and 12-14 are amended, and claims 11, 15 and 16 are canceled. Independent claims 7 and 10 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. Support for the amendments to independent claims 7 and 10 can be found in the original specification at, for example, Fig. 6 and page 50, line 25 - page 52, line 13. Dependent claims 12-14 are amended to be consistent with the amended independent claims. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-10 and 12-14 also are patentable.

Claims 7-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,263,161 to Washisu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,278,842 to Yamazaki et al. Claims 7-16 also are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Washisu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,895 to Furuyama. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As an initial matter, Applicant notes that the rejections made in the Office Action are somewhat confusing in that they refer to claim 1, and list some of the elements of independent claim 1, whereas claims 7-16 are rejected. In addition, the Office Action makes no reference to the operation switch that is recited in independent claim 10. In any event, Applicant respectfully submits that Washisu combined with Yamazaki et al. or combined with Furuyama does not disclose or suggest all of the features recited in independent claims 7 and 10.

With respect to independent claim 7, the references do not disclose or suggest the claimed combination of features including "prohibiting an operation of the vibration corrector when the detected vibration is judged to be the second abnormal vibration state [as defined earlier in claim 7]." With respect to independent claim 10, the references do not disclose or

suggests the claimed combination of features including the feature in which "the image vibration is corrected regardless of a judging result of the three states [defined earlier in claim 10] when the operation switch is set to designate an unsteady state." Accordingly, independent claims 7 and 10, along with their dependent claims 8, 9 and 12-14, are patentable over Washisu, Yamazaki et al. and Furuyama. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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